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Viscous Oil Pumping System (VOPS)

Background

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Partnership

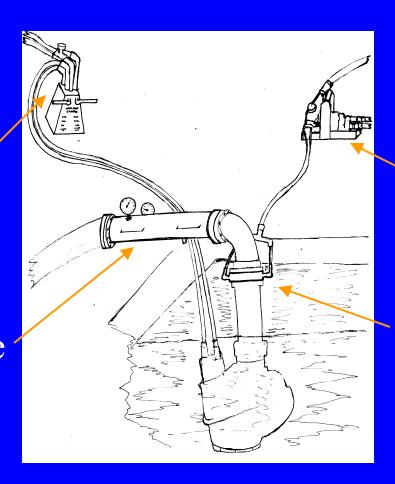
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Navy Supervisor of Salvage
- Private Industry
- International



Key Components

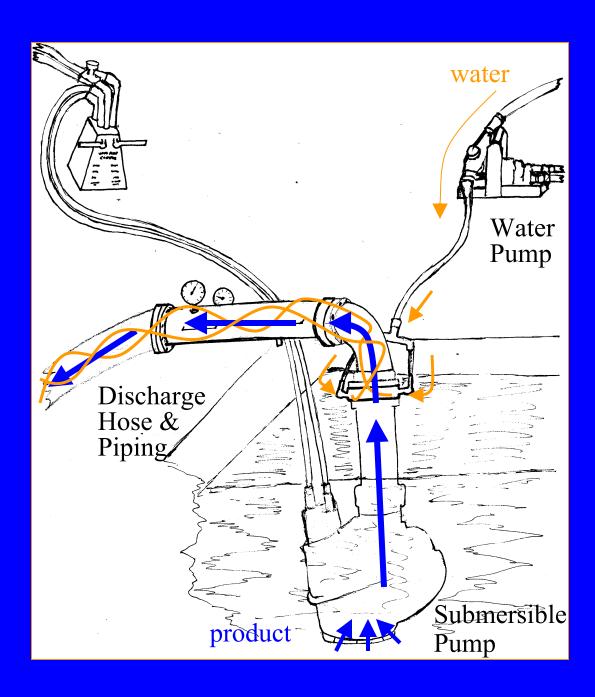
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Product
Monitoring Pipe

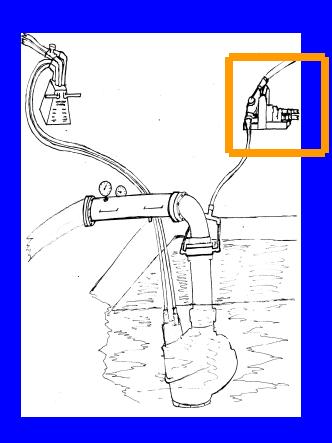


Water Injection Pump

Annular Water
Injection Flange



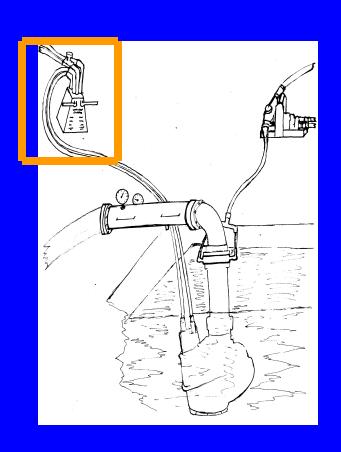
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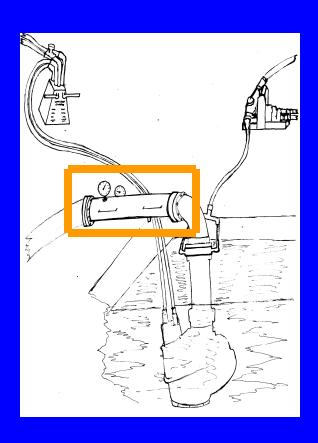
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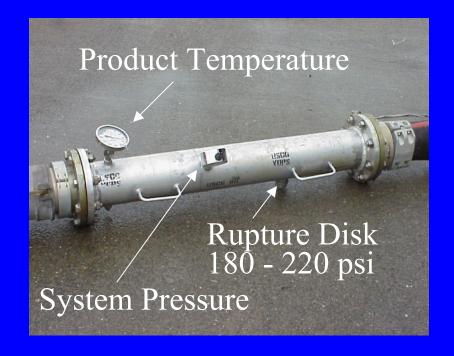
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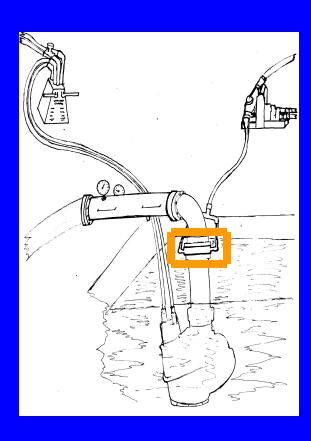




Product Piping with Installed Gages and Sampling Port



Annular Water Injection Flange





Removable Ring for easy Cleaning

Water Injection Flange



Results

- Reduces head pressure.
- Push viscous oil greater distances.
- The three USCG Strike Teams have the VOPS in inventory.

USCG Viscous Oil Pumps







DOP-160 Pump

VOPS Tested at OHMSETT



Hydra-search Fitting



400 meters of 6" hose 30,000 cst oil

VOPS Tested at Alaska Clean Seas, Prudhoe Bay, AK



Approx. 50,000 cst oil



100 cu.m/hr
With Water Injection

Future Plans



- Continue Partnership
- Testing / Exercises
- Develop Uniform Job Aids
- Actual Response Use

Water and oil discharging out of 6" lay flat hose at 800'



Questions?

